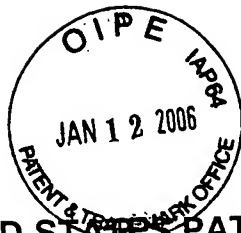


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This reply is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 04, 2005, and the period for response is set to expire on January 5, 2006. The following remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.